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—OF THE—

SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

MUSKINGUM

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

—HELD WITH THE—

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH,

LICKING COUNTY, OHIO,

August 25, 26 and 27, 1882.

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Friendship, near Linnville—Wm. Field, Linnville, Lick. Co.,O.
Monday Creek—Thomas Nixon, New Straitsville, Perry Co.,O.
Union—Samuel Buriff, New Salem, Fairfield County, O.
Harmony—E Richards, Alexandria, Licking County, O.
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Mt. Olive—John Croy, Elliott's Cross-roads, Morgan Co., O.

Minutes of the Muskingum Baptist Association,

Held with the Pleasant Hill Church, Licking County, Ohio,
August 25, 26 and 27, 1882.

AUGUST 25—10 o'clock, A. M. The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Intaoductory Sermon was preached by Elder Lewis Leitz, from Acts, 16th chapter, 30, 31 and 32 verses. The letters from the several Churches were called for, by Elder John Bolin, and read and the Messengers' names enrolled and statistics noted as follows:

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.	MINISTERS AND TIMES OF HOLDING MEETINGS.	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Deceased	Total Number	Contributions
Falls of Licking, Musk. Co.; Abram Dorsey, J. D. Shaw, Lewis Prior	E. Barker, 2d Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	1	4	50	$ 5 50
Hopewell, Perry County; No Messengers	No Regular Posture	...	...	...	...	1	...	20	2 25
Union, Perry Co.; J. Grove, A. A. Cherry, Samuel Buriff,	G. A. Tussing, 4th Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	5 60
Lancaster, Fairfield Co.; Jonas Fartig, G. W. Starner,	Wm. Fisher, 4th Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	3 00
Lexington, Perry Co.; G. W. Moore	John J. Vanhorn, 4th Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	...	2	43	5 00
Timber Run, Musk. Co.; John Bolin, Robert Bolin, G. D. Burley	W. H. Hickman 3d Lord's day,	...	...	2	...	...	...	28	2 00
Bethel, Noble Co.; John Jordon, Jeremiah Downey	E. Barker, 1st Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	2	1	37	4 45
Buelah, Musk. Co.; Geo. Gearhart, Stephen Francis. Jacuith Rector	John Prichard, 1st Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	2 00
Mt. Pleasant, Perry Co.. L. Richards,	John Croy, 3d Lord's day	...	...	...	...	1	...	11	1 00
York, Morgan Co.	No letter nor Messengers	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Zoar, Musk. Co.; David Woodruff	John Croy, 2d Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	1	...	18	1 50
Mt. Olive, Morgan Co.; John Croy, C. M. Matthews,	John Croy, 1st Lord's day	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	1 00
Scott's Creek, Hocking Co.; E. C. Harsh, John Clark, Peter Plenkharps,	No Regular Pastor, 2d Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	...	...	63	4 03
Goshen, Musk. Co.; Joshua Crozier, Thos. Humphrey,	W. H. Hickman, 2d and 4th Lord's day,	1	...	...	1	...	...	26	1 75
Pleasant Hill, Licking Co.; J. Holmes, M. T. Porter, M. Porter,	John Prichard, 4th Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	...	...	51	5 35
Enon, Guernsey Co.; W. H. Aickman,	W. H. Hickman, 1st Lord's day	...	1	1	...	...	...	25	2 00
Jonathan's Creek, Licking Co.; E. Barker, P. Gutridge, E. Gutridge,	E. Barker, 4th Lord's day	...	1	...	...	...	...	51	3 00
Monday Creek, Perry Co.;	Na letter nor Messenger	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
St. Louisville, Licking Co., J. Prichard, D. McQueen, J. E. Stevens,	John Prichard, 2d Lord's day,	..	...	...	1	...	1	33	3 65
Fallsburgh, Licking Co.;	Dissolved	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Friendship, at Hog Run, Licking Co.; A. T. Jury, P. W. Brubaker, J. G. Bussey,	Benj. Dampton and G. N. Tussing, 3d Lord's day,	1	...	...	...	...	...	30	3 50
Friendship, near Linnville, Licking Co.; S. Meredith, Wm. Field, D. G. Dickinson,	John J. Vanhorn, 2d Lord's day,	5	...	...	...	...	...	34	1 85
Harmony, Licking Co.; Joseph Beaver,	G. N. Tussing, 3d Lord's day....	2	...	...	...	...	...	18	3 95
Totals,		9	2	3	2	6	8	631	$59 45

NOTE.—Saturday before the Lord's day, mentioned in the foregoing table, is the day of business of the respective Churches.

Association adjourned until 1 o'clock, P. M. Benediction by Elder G. N. Tussing.

One o'clock, P. M., Association met pursuant to adjournment.

1. The articles of faith and Rules of decorum were read. Prayer by Elder J. M. Thompson.

2. The Messengers' names were called.

3. Organized for the present session by choosing Elder E. Barker, Moderator, and G. W. Moore, Clerk.

4. Committees were appointed as follows:

On Arrangements—Elders John Croy, Hickman and Burley.

On Preaching—The Messengers' of Pleasant Hill Church, with Bro. John Bolin, Assistant.

On Funds—Thomas Humphry, Robert Rolin and Peter Gutridge.

On Visitation Meeting—Brother Burriff, Dickinson & Bussey.

5. Churches wishing to unite with this Association called for

6. Correspondence from sister Associations was called for which were represented as follows:

Miami—Elder Thompson and Minutes.

Scioto—Elder Tussing, no Minutes.

Sandusky—Elder Seitz and Minutes.

Pocatalico—No Messengers nor Minutes

Owl Creek Harmony—Elder Sherwood and Minutes.

7. Associations wishing to open correspondence with this Association called for.

8. Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations were appointed as follows:

Miami—Elder E. Barker.

Scioto—Elder John Croy.

Sandusky—Elder John Prichard.

Pocatalico—To correspond by Minutes.

Owl Creek Harmony—E. Barker.

9. The Circular Letter written by Brother Lewis French, and the Corresponding Letter by Brother E. Richards was called for, there being no Corresponding Letter prepared, Elder Prichard was appointed to write one and present it to-morrow.

10. The Committee on Preaching report Elder Hickman for to-morrow forenoon.

Report Adopted.

11. Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder John Prichard.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 26, 1882. NINE O'CLOCK, A. M.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Sherwood.

1. The Messengers' names were called.

2. The Committe on Arrangements report the Minutes of last year as the order of business, with a recommendation that the names of all members that have died in the several churches in the association be printed in the minutes.

3. The Circular and Corrosponding Letters were adopted, with a sltght change in the Circular Letter.

4. That the Reports of the Committees on Funds and Visitation Meetings be handed in to the Clerk at any time during this Association, as they are not ready to report.

5. Brother A. T. Jury to write the Circular Letter, and Elder G. D. Burly to write the Corresponding Letter for next year.

6. The next Association to be held with the Union Church, near Thornville, in Perry County, Ohio, commencing on Friday, before the 4th Lord's day in August, 1883. Elder Prichard to preach the Introductory Sermon, in case of failure of Elder E. Barker.

7. The Committee on Preaching report for this afternoon, Elders Seitz and Tussing, for to-morrow, Elders Thompson, Weaver and Sherwood.

8. Committee on Funds report $59 46, appropriated as follows: Minutes, $20 00; Clerk, $5 00; Miami, $10 41; Scioto, $3 21; Owl Creek Harmony, $4 81; Sandusky, $16 02.

9. The Committee on Visitation Meetings reported as follows:

Falls of Licking—Fifth Lord's day in April, Elders Croy and Sherwood, at lower house, and the Third Lord's day in December, Elder Thompson at the upper house.

Lancaster—Fifth Lord's day in October, Elder Hickman.

Lexington—Fourth Lord's day in June, Elders Vanhorn and E. Barker.

Timber Run—Third Lord's day in October, Elders Tussing and Hickman.

Bethel—Fifth Lord's day in October, Elder Sherwood.

Buelah—First Lord's day in June, Elders Tussing and Vanhorn.

Mt. Pleasant—Fifth Lord's day in April, Elders Barker and Croy.

Zoar—Second Lord's day in October, Elder Prichard.

Mt. Olive—Fifth Lord's day in October, at the Salem School House, Elders Vanhorn and Meridith.

Goshen—Fourth Lord's day in October, Elder Prichard.

Pleasant Hill—Fourth Lord's day in December, Elder Thompson.

Enon—First Lord's day in January, Elder Prichard.

Jonathan Creek—Fourth Lord's day in September, Elders Lampton and Cole.

St. Louisville—Second Lord's day in October, Elder Burley.

Friendship, near Linnville—Fourth Lord's day in October, Elders Croy and Sherwood.

Harmony—Third Lord's day in May, Elder Prichard.

NOTE—All the above meetings to commence on Saturday preceding the Lord's day mentioned, at 11 o'clock.

Friday P. M.—Elder Geo. Weaver, II John, the whole Chap. Elder Croy, Titus, II Chapter, 11 and 12 verses.

Saturday A. M.—Elder Hickman from Mathew, XIII, 11 verse. P. M.—Elder G. N. Tussing, Mathew, I, 21 verse. Elder Lewis Leitz, Phil. IV, 13 verse.

Sunday A. M.—Elder Thompson, from 1st Peter, II, 9 verse. Elder Weaver, from Ephesions, IV, 13 verse.

The third Sermon on Sunday was not preached on account of the rain.

10. The Minutes were read and stood approved.

11. Adjourned to the time and place above written.

Prayer by Elder Lewis Seitz.

Elder E. BARKER, Moderator.

G. W. MOORE, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Muskingum Baptist Association to the several Churches composing her body, sendeth Christian Love and Salutation.

DEAR BRETHREN IN THE LORD:

Another year of our pilgrimage has passed away, and we, as an Association, through the mercy of God have the privilege of meeting again. And, as it is our custom, we write the following "Circular Letter" for our serious consideration, hoping it may be a blessing to all professing Godliness. We have chosen for our subject

HUMILITY.

I Peter, V, 5, 6.— "Yea all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud and giveth grace to the humble."

What a vast amount of trouble might be avoided, and happiness and peace promoted, if we would at all times give heed to this admonition! Not unfrequently do we see those who seem to promise to be the most useful in the Church, perish like a neglected plant, simply because they forget the warning "Whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased," and the promise, "he that shall humble himself shall be exalted, Matt. XXIII, 12.

To be exalted, we have no objection, if it comes from a divine source, as a reward for humility. When we individually call to mind Christian experience, we remember, that then and there was superlative humility, and can say with the Psalmist, "He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock and established my goings." Ps. XL, 2.

But we too soon forget the "hole of the pit whence we are digged." Finally brethren, let us study humility; search the Scriptures to learn the promises to the humble, and the warnings to the proud and exalted, and those who are striving for the mastery, that this feeble effort may not be in vain.

FAREWELL.

Corresponding Letter.

The Muskingum Baptist Association in Session with the Pleasant Hill Church, Licking County, Ohio, Augvst 25, 26 *and* 27, 1882, *to the Associations with whom she corresponds send Christian Salutation :*

DEAR BRETHREN : —

Another year is numbered with the past, But still the Lord reigneth in Zion and will reign until death the last enemy is destroyed.

And, while we have been called to part with many prescious brethren during the past year whom we shall meet no more on earth ; the pleasing thought is we shall meet beyond the river, where sickness and death cannot enter and pleasures never die. We wish a continuance of your christian correspondence.

FAREWELL.